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Subject: Re: Comment periods

Thank you for your responses.

Elly Hale attended our GCC meeting in February and gave a presentation on the Duwamish comment period and answered all of the questions from the community and did a great job.

The comment period ends on April 6th and we have many new community members who are unaware of the environmental concerns and issues happening in the Duwamish Valley.

There are many who are unaware they live near a superfund site, they do not know what a superfund site is and that there are other brownfields and other areas that need to be cleaned up. I think those folks should be outreached to and given basic knowledge so they can participate in the comment periods. Who is responsible for doing that outreach and education?

I will encourage community members to sign up for EPA and ECY updates.

Thank you for your time,

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021, 12:33 PM Morrison, Kay <morrison.kay@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Kelsey, for including me in your response.

Dear Rosario-Maria Medina,

After over 7 years supporting the communities near the Duwamish Waterway Julie Congdon is taking on other critical community involvement work in the region. I will take over as the community involvement coordinator for the Lower Duwamish Waterway site – I've been working with communities on other sites in Region 10 since 2011.

Thank you for the introduction to Heather! To answer your other questions as best I'm able: we do meet regularly with Public Health Seattle and King County, the Lower Duwamish Waterway Group, and DRCC. We also give presentations when there are opportunities for community members to provide feedback to us, such as the February 17 presentation for the proposed change to cleanup levels for cPAHs. In addition, we are available to speak with community groups and neighborhood associations on specific topics related to the cleanup.

While we don't share the comments and names of commenters during comment periods, including the one that's currently open for the proposed ESD about cPAHs, we will provide a summary of comments and our responses to them when the final decision document about cPAHs is published.

When we hold comment periods for EPA actions like the ESD and draft plans for cleanup at upland sites (through CERCLA removal actions and RCRA corrective measures), we announce these through our email list-serve (I've added your email addresses to our list). Most of the upland sites are led by Ecology and, as Kelsey points out, they have a list-serv as well.

We continue to provide updates on our work and planning by email to people who have subscribed to that distribution list, and our website (<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/lower-duwamish>). You can learn more ways to stay informed on the [Community Involvement Plan for the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Cleanup \(PDF\)](#).

I hope this will help answer some of your questions.

Sincerely,

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Hi Rosario and Heather,

Nice to meet you, Heather! Rosario, I'll answer your questions below.

Are you all still meeting? Julie no longer works on the LDW project. EPA recently appointed a new project lead, Kay Morrison (cc'ed here).

Who else is meeting with you that represents the Duwamish Valley? We meet regularly with the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition.

Can you please share comment information about cleanup sites with Georgetown leadership? Yes, we are happy to do that. Are there individuals besides you and Heather whom I should connect with? When there are local comment periods, we contact the Georgetown Community Council and try to get on the agenda.

Can you also answer how many cleanup sites have commenting periods in a quarter? Comment periods don't usually happen on a quarterly basis. My program hasn't had a comment period for a site in Georgetown since the fall of 2019. I think the Hazardous Waste and Toxic Reduction (HWTR) program had one in December of 2019. The unit supervisor and I attended a GCC meeting to talk about it. I don't expect we will have any in the LDW for the next several months. I have cc'ed the outreach specialist for the HWTR program, Janelle Anderson. She won't have any comment periods for the next several months either but is happy to connect with you. There is another Ecology program that does work in the Duwamish Valley, which is the Water Quality program. Their work doesn't focus on comment periods but rather on municipal stormwater permits. The contact is Jessica Huybregts huyj461@ecy.wa.gov

Who has commented on behalf of Georgetown and South Park? Local NGOs and community members

Are community members, businesses and all who are part of the Duwamish Valley also commenting? Yes, they have in the past.

How does the Georgetown leadership get information of cleanup sites and information of comment periods? The best way to get information on cleanup sites and comment periods is to subscribe to the monthly LDW listserv: <http://listserv.ecology.wa.gov/scripts/wa-ECOLOGY.exe?SUBED1=DUWAMISH-RIVER-UPDATES&A=> I'm also happy to check in with community leaders on a regular basis.

It would be great to talk with you both more about what is happening with the cleanup as well as what's going on in Georgetown. Kay and Janelle, perhaps we could find a time when all of us could get together? What do you think?

Regards,

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Hi Kelsye and Julie,

I would like to introduce you to Heather, she is in Georgetown leadership and is one of the many Directors that volunteer to make our community a safe place.

I remember I would meet with Julie and someone from Ecology, then I would meet with Amy then Brad. We would often discuss community engagement and outreach events and there was a document that had information about comment periods from the Dept of Ecology and also from EPA.

Are you all still meeting? Who else is meeting with you that represents the Duwamish Valley? Can you please share comment information about cleanup sites with Georgetown leadership? Can you also answer how many cleanup sites have commenting periods in a quarter? Who has commented on behalf of Georgetown and South Park? Are community members, businesses and all who are part of the Duwamish Valley also commenting? How does the Georgetown leadership get information of cleanup sites and information of comment periods?

Thank you,

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